

FISCAL NOTE

HB 843 - SB 2320

March 8, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires knowing violation to subject any person to arrest and contempt of court sanction for violation of an order of protection, restraining order or court-approved consent agreement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Local Govt. Expenditures – Net Impact - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Any impact in caseloads to the state and local courts will not be significant. Any fiscal impact can be absorbed within existing state and local resources.
- According the Comptroller's Office, under current practice law enforcement agencies will not arrest an alleged violator of an order of protection unless such person is aware that his or her actions are in violation of the order.
- Should this legislation lead to fewer arrests or contempt of court findings, such would not result in a significant decrease in state or local expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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